

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An information editing apparatus for editing a logical format of recorded information in a recording medium, the recorded information including at least image information, the apparatus comprising:

a first selecting device for selecting ~~a thumbnail image~~ an image from images corresponding to image information included in the recorded information, ~~the thumbnail image showing contents of recorded information which includes at least the image information and is recorded on a recording medium~~ the logical recording format comprising a flag that indicates whether an image included in the recorded information or an image not included in the recorded information should be used as a thumbnail,

a second selecting device for selecting ~~the thumbnail~~ an image from images not included in other than the images corresponding to the image information of in the recorded information, and

a controlling device adapted to determine whether the image selected by the first selecting device or the image selected by the second selecting device should be specified as the thumbnail image,

a recording device for recording first position information and second position information on the recording medium, the first position information indicating on the recording medium a recording position of image information corresponding to the image selected by the first selecting device, the second position information indicating on the recording medium a

recording position of image information corresponding to the image selected by the second selecting device, and for setting the flag in accordance with the determination of the controlling device a thumbnail image specifier effective flag showing whether any one of the image selected by the first selecting device is specified as the thumbnail image or any one of the image selected by the second selecting device is specified as the thumbnail image,

~~wherein the apparatus edits a reproduced form of the recorded information recorded on the recording medium.~~

Claim 2 (Original): The information editing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the thumbnail image selected by the second selecting device is an image obtained from external image information or an image recorded beforehand on the recording medium other than the images corresponding to the image information in the recorded information.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The information editing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein when another image is selected by the second selecting device after the second position information is recorded, the recording device rerecords a recording position of image information, which corresponds to the additionally selected image, as new second position information on the recording medium.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): An information editing method~~[[,]]~~ for editing a logical format of recorded information in a recording medium, the recorded information including at least image information, the method comprising:

a first selecting process for selecting ~~a thumbnail~~ an image from images corresponding to the image information of the recorded information, ~~the thumbnail image showing contents of recorded information which includes at least the image information and is recorded on a recording medium~~ the logical recording format comprising a flag that indicates whether an image included in the recorded information or an image not included in the recorded information should be used as a thumbnail,

a second selecting process for selecting ~~the thumbnail~~ an image from images not included in other than the images corresponding to the image information of in the recorded information, and

a determination process for determining whether an image from images corresponding to the image information of the recorded information or an image not included in the image information of the recorded information should be specified as a thumbnail image, and

a recording process for recording first position information and second position information on the recording medium, the first position information indicating on the recording medium a recording position of image information corresponding to the image selected by the first selecting process, the second position information indicating on the recording medium a recording position of image information corresponding to the image selected by the second selecting process, and for setting the flag in accordance with the determination of the determination process ~~a thumbnail image specifier effective flag showing whether any one of the image selected by the first selecting device is specified as the thumbnail image or any one of the image selected by the second selecting device is specified as the thumbnail image~~,

~~wherein the method edits a reproduced form of the recorded information recorded on the recording medium.~~

Claim 5 (Original): The information editing method according to claim 4, wherein the thumbnail image selected by the second selecting process is an image obtained from external image information or an image recorded beforehand on the recording medium other than the images corresponding to the image information in the recorded information.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The information editing method according to claim 4, wherein when another image is selected by the second selecting process after the second position information is recorded, the recording process rerecords a recording position of image information, which corresponds to the additionally selected image, as new second position information on the recording medium.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): An information editing program stored in memory means and written as program codes adapted to enable a computer to perform predetermined steps for editing a logical format of recorded information in a recording medium, the recorded information including at least image information, when the program codes are run on the computer, for ~~causing a computer to act as a first selecting device, a second selecting device, and a recording device~~

~~the computer being included in an information editing apparatus for editing a reproduced form of recorded information which includes at least image information and is recorded on the recording medium,~~

the predetermined steps includes

~~the first selecting device selecting a thumbnail image from images corresponding to the image information, the thumbnail image showing contents of the recorded information recorded on the recording medium,~~

~~the second selecting device selecting the thumbnail image from images other than the images corresponding to the image information in the recorded information,~~

~~the recording device recording first position information and second position information on the recording medium, the first position information indicating on the recording medium a recording position of image information corresponding to the image selected by the first selecting device, the second position information indicating on the recording medium a recording position of image information corresponding to the image selected by the second selecting device, a thumbnail image specifier effective flag showing whether any one of the image selected by the first selecting device is specified as the thumbnail image or any one of the image selected by the second selecting device is specified as the thumbnail image~~

a first selecting process for selecting an image from images corresponding to the image information of the recorded information, the logical recording format comprising a flag that indicates whether an image included in the recorded information or an image not included in the recorded information should be used as a thumbnail,

a second selecting process for selecting an image from images not included in the image information of the recorded information,

a determination process for determining whether an image from images corresponding to the image information of the recorded information or an image not included in the image information of the recorded information should be specified as a thumbnail image, and

a recording process for recording first position information and second position information on the recording medium, the first position information indicating on the recording medium a recording position of image information corresponding to the image selected by the first selecting process, the second position information indicating on the recording medium a recording position of image information corresponding to the image selected by the second selecting process, and for setting the flag in accordance with the determination of the determination process.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The information editing program according to claim 7, wherein the thumbnail image selected by the second selecting ~~device process~~ is serves as an image obtained from external image information or an image recorded beforehand on the recording medium other than images corresponding to the image information in the recorded information.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The information editing program according to claim 7, wherein when another image is selected by the second selecting ~~device process~~ after the second position information is recorded, the recording device process is caused to rerecord a recording

position of image information, which corresponds to the additionally selected image, as new second position information on the recording medium.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): An information recording medium for recording the information editing program according to claim 7.